LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A divided driver device for a mechanical face seal for ~~non-rotatable assembly on~~mounting to a rotary component and for the transmission of a torque from the rotary component to a seal ring ~~(2) held in non-rotatable manner on~~fastened to the driver device, ~~in which the~~said driver device ~~(5) is~~being divided in at least a single radial plane for forming sections ~~(14_1, 14_2, 16_1, 16_2)~~ in the form of segments of a circle, said sections being adapted to be clamped together in the shape of a ring, ~~characterized in that the~~ and said driver device ~~(5) is~~ being axially sub-divided into a radially divided retaining ring ~~(14)~~ for retaining the seal ring ~~(2)~~ and a radially divided mounting ring ~~(16)~~ for ~~non-rotatable~~ mounting to the rotary component, said mounting ring and retaining ring ~~rings (14, 16)~~ being coupled together for rotation in common, ~~whereby the~~wherein said retaining ring ~~(14) comprises~~ includes sections ~~(14_1, 14_2)~~ in the form of segments of a circle adapted to be placed together in ~~mutually~~ a sealed manner in the shape of a ring having an inner radial dimension that is greater than the nominal outer radial dimension of the rotary component and ~~which comprise~~further including peripherally aligned end faces ~~(15_1, 15_2)~~ abutting each ~~another~~other, and said mounting ring including at least a pair of sections in the form of segments of a circle, said sections being adapted to be combined into a ring having an inner radial dimension that is smaller than that of the retaining ring and smaller than the nominal outer radial dimension of the rotary component for clamping engagement of the mounting ring with the rotary component.

2. (Currently amended) The driver device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said peripherally aligned end faces ~~(15$_1$, 15$_2$)~~ of the retaining ring ~~(14)~~ are in essentially planar metal-to-metal contact and comprise a surface finish for mutually sealing them.

3. (Currently amended) The driver device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said peripherally aligned end faces ~~(15$_1$, 15$_2$)~~ of the retaining ring ~~(14)~~ have a roughness $\leq$ 1.0 μm, preferably $\leq$ 0.8 μm, and most preferably 0.5 μm.

4. (Currently amended) The driver device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the retaining ring ~~(14)~~ and the mounting ring ~~(16)~~ are coupled together with play in at least the circumferential direction.

5. (Canceled without prejudice)

6. (Cancelled without prejudice)

7. (Currently amended) The driver device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the seal ring ~~(2)~~ is loosely seated on the retaining ring ~~(14)~~.

8. (Currently amended) A divided mechanical face seal ~~having~~ comprising:

a) first and second cooperating seal rings;

b) ~~a divided driver device according to claims 1~~a divided driver device configured for mounting to a rotary component and for the transmission of a torque from the rotary component to the first seal ring, which is adapted to be fastened to the driver device, said driver device being divided in at least a single radial plane for forming sections in the form of segments of a circle, said sections being adapted to be clamped into the shape of a ring, and said driver device being axially sub-divided into a radially divided retaining ring for retaining the first seal ring and a radially divided mounting ring for mounting to the rotary component, said mounting ring and retaining ring being adapted to be coupled together for rotation in common, wherein said retaining ring includes sections in the form of segments of a circle adapted to be placed together in a sealed manner into the shape of a ring having an inner radial dimension that is greater than the nominal outer radial dimension of the rotary component and further including peripherally aligned end faces abutting each other, and said mounting ring including at least a pair of sections in the form of segments of a circle, said sections being adapted to be combined into a ring having an inner radial dimension that is smaller than that of the retaining ring and smaller than the nominal outer radial dimension of the rotary component for clamping engagement of the mounting ring with the rotary component; and

c) a seal housing ~~(3)~~ divided in at least one radial plane into sections in the form of segments of a circle ~~which are~~adapted to be clamped together and mutually sealed against each other, wherein ~~a~~ the second seal ring ~~(1)~~ is ~~held non-rotatably on~~adapted to be fastened to said housing for cooperating with the first seal ring ~~(2)~~ of the driver device ~~(5)~~.

9. (Currently amended) The mechanical face seal according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said sections of the seal housing ~~(3) comprise~~ include peripherally aligned end faces ~~(10)~~ which are configured to be in essentially planar metal-to-metal contact, ~~and comprise~~ said end faces having a surface finish for ~~mutually~~ sealing engagement to one another.